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SUBJECT: 43 HOPEFULS CONTEST WESTMINISTER ELECTIONS

1. FILING CLOSED SEPT. 30 FOR NORTHERN IRELAND CANDIDATES OCT. 10 PARLIAMENTARY ELECTION. UNITED ULSTER UNIONIST COALITION (UUUC) WILL CONTEST ALL TWELVE CONSTITUENCIES WITH SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC AND LABOUR PARTY (SDLP) RUNNING IN NINE. OTHER NOMINATING GROUPS ARE REPUBLICAN CLUBS, NORTHERN IRELAND LABOUR PARTY, ALLIANCE PARTY AND NORTHERN IRELAND UNIONIST PARTY (FAULKNER).

2. OUTLOOK FOR UUUC COALITION BRIGHT IN 10 OF 12 CONSTITUENCIES. SDLP FITT EXPECTED REPEAT WIN IN WEST BELFAST. THIS STRENGTHENED BY FILING OF KEN GIBSON VOLUNTEER POLITICAL PARTY AND CONSEQUENT SPLITTING UNIONIST VOTE BETWEEN GIBSON AND UUUC NOMINEE JOHN MC QUADE. AS FOOTNOTE GIBSON STATED SEPT. 30 HIS DECISION RUN WAS BASED ON DISGUST WITH LACK OPPORTUNITY FOR "GLENNY" BARR THIS ELECTION. GIBSON CLAIMED ULSTER WORKERS COUNCIL (UWC) ULSTER VOLUNTEER FORCE (UVF) AND (ITS POLITICAL ARM) VOLUNTEER POLITICAL PARTY NOW UNITED.

3. OF BIG FOUR UNIONIST COALITION PAISLEY, CRAIG, POWELL AND WEST ONLY WEST APPEARS FACED DIFFICULTY. SDLP AND REPUBLICANS UNCLASSIFIED

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WITHDRAW IN FERMANAGH SOUTH TYRONE IN FAVOR ANTI-UNIONIST BUT

NOMINAL INDEPENDENT NAMED FRANK MAGUIRE. ONLY OTHER CANDIDATE
IS MARXIST. IN EVENT WEST DEFEAT SPECULATION FAVORS ENOUGH
POWELL AS LEADER UUUC PARLIAMENT BLOC.
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